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AS PER INSTRUCTIONS PART II REFAIR, EMBASSY IS SUBMITTING BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON MRS. THORN AS WELL AS MRS. THORN'S PROGRAMMING INTERESTS AND THE EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROGRAMMING. THE ANSWERS ARE KEYED TO THE FORMAT PROVIDED IN ENCLOSURE 2 OF REFAIR:

A. BIOGRAPHIC DATA

1. NAME: MRS. LILIANE THORN-PETIT. ADDRESSED AS MRS. THORN. (PRONOUNCED TORN).

2. PRESENT POSITIONS: JOURNALIST, "REPUBLICAIN LORRAIN"; LUXEMBOURG CORRESPONDENT FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; PRESIDENT OF THE LUXEMBOURG FEDERATION OF WOMEN. PAST POSITION: PRESIDENT OF LUXEMBOURG ASSOCIATION OF JOURNALISTS.

3. PERSONAL DATA:

DATE OF BIRTH: JANUARY 24, 1933, IN DUDELANGE, LUX.

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: LUXEMBOURG

MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED

CHILDREN: ON SON, BORN IN 1962

ADDRESS: 1 RUE DE LA FORGE, LUXEMBOURG-EICH

(HOME AND PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS)

EMERGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS:

(HUSBAND) HIS EXCELLENCY M. GASTON THORN

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (OFFICE); 1 RUE DE

LA FORGE, LUXEMBOURG-EICH (HOME).
EDUCATION: SECONDARY SCHOOL IN LUXEMBOURG. SORBONNE UNIVERSITY,
PARIS, FRANCE, B.A.
HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS: PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL
FEDERATION OF LUXEMBOURG WOMEN. HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE
LUXEMBOURG ASSOCIATION OF JOURNALISTS (1967-1969)
PREVIOUS TRAVEL ABROAD: TO US SEVERAL TIMES. TO OTHER
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

4. KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH: SPEAKING: GOOD, COMPREHENSION: GOOD,
READING: GOOD.

5. KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER LANGUAGES:
FLUENT IN FRENCH, GERMAN, LUXEMBOURG DIALECT
B. PROGRAM INFORMATION:

VISITOR'S INTERESTS:

A. PROFESSIONAL.

MRS. THORN HAS THREE GENERAL AREAS OF INTEREST:
MEDICAL HEALTH, MINORITY GROUPS, AND THE PRESERVATION OF
NATIONAL PARKS.

A) MEDICAL HEALTH. MRS. THORN WOULD LIKE TO VISIT A HOSPITAL
WITH A WIDE RANGE OF MEDICAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING DRUG TREAT-
MENT AND REHABILITATION, MENTAL HEALTH CARE, AND NURSING
TRAINING. SHE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN PREVENTIVE CARE.

B) MINORITIES. MRS. THORN IS INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN US INDIANS
AND WOULD LIKE TO VISIT AN INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE SOUTHWEST.
IN THE TIME AVAILABLE SHE WOULD LIKE TO LEARN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
ABOUT THEIR CULTURE AND THEIR PROBLEMS. MRS. THORN IS ALSO
INTERESTED IN US BLACKS AND WANTS TO VISIT A SMALL SOUTHERN
TOWN TO BETTER UNDERSTAND BLACK-WHITE RELATIONSHIPS IN THE US.

C) NATIONAL PARKS. MRS. THORN WANTS TO VISIT
ONE OR MORE NATIONAL PARKS IN ORDER TO VIEW THE EDUCATIONAL
AND PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE,
PARTICULARLY PROGRAMS AIMED AT ECOLOGICAL PRESERVATION AND
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN.

3. AVOCATIONAL INTERESTS: MRS. THORN ALSO WANTS TO VISIT
DISNEYWORLD OR DISNEYLAND.

POST'S SUGGESTION FOR PROGRAM:
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1. ALTHOUGH MRS. THORN IS A WORKING JOURNALIST, SHE DOES
NOT WISH TO SPEND TIME VISITING JOURNALISTS OR NEWSPAPERS.
IN THE CONTEXT OF HER VISIT TO A SMALL SOUTHERN TOWN,
HOWEVER, SHE MIGHT FIND IT ADVANTAGEOUS TO SPEAK TO THE
EDITOR OF A SMALL TOWN NEWSPAPER. SIMILARLY, THE POSSIBILI-
TY OF FINDING AN INDIAN NEWSPAPERMAN TO ACCOMPANY HER ON HER
VISIT TO AN INDIAN COMMUNITY SHOULD ALSO BE EXPLORED.

2. MRS. THORN'S PROGRAM SHOULD CALL FOR A MINIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME IN WASHINGTON. SHE HAS REQUESTED NO APPOINTMENTS WITH WASHINGTON DIGNITARIES AND IS ANXIOUS TO SEE OTHER AREAS OF THE US SINCE SHE HAS VISITED WASHINGTON PREVIOUSLY.

3. IN ORDER TO GIVE MRS. THORN A COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF US MEDICAL PRACTICES, WE SUGGEST A VISIT TO A LARGE CITY HOSPITAL SUCH AS BELLEVUE OR MONTEFIORE IN NEW YORK CITY, OR A SIMILAR INSTITUTION THAT HAS SPECIAL CENTERS FOR DRUG REHABILITATION, NURSING TRAINING, AND THE TREATMENT OF MENTAL ILLNESS. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT MRS. THORN VISIT A GROUP OF DOCTORS THAT SHARE A GROUP PRACTICE AND THAT SHE EXAMINE MEDICAL SERVICES IN A SMALL-TO-MEDIUM SIZED US CITY, SINCE ACTIVITIES THERE WOULD MORE CLOSELY APPROXIMATE THE SITUATION IN LUXEMBOURG.

4. IN ORDER TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO MRS. THORN AND TO HER PROGRAMMERS, WE SUGGEST THAT THE COVER PAGE OF THE GAI PROGRAM INCLUDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF LUXEMBOURG.

A SUGGESTED TEXT IS:

QUOTE THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG IS AN INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGN STATE BORDERED BY BELGIUM ON THE NORTH, FRANCE ON THE WEST AND WEST GERMANY ON THE EAST. THE COUNTRY IS A CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY WHICH IS HEREDITARY IN THE HOUSE OF NASSAU. THE PRESENT RULER, GRAND DUKE JEAN, SUCCEEDED TO THE THRONE IN 1964. THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IS PARLIAMENTARY AND EXECUTIVE POWER IS EXERCISED BY THE GRAND DUKE AND NINE MINISTERS. THE LEGISLATIVE POWER RESTS WITH A PARLIAMENT OR CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, ELECTED BY MEN AND WOMEN OVER 18. THERE ARE FIVE POLITICAL PARTIES IN LUXEMBOURG: (CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST, DEMOCRATIC, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC, SOCIALIST WORKERS, AND COMMUNIST) AND THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT

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IS A COALITION OF SOCIALIST WORKERS AND DEMOCRATS. MRS. THORN'S HUSBAND, GASTON THORN, IS BOTH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF LUXEMBOURG.

QUOTE. ALTHOUGH A SMALL COUNTRY OF ONLY 1000 SQUARE MILES WITH A POPULATION OF 350,00, LUXEMBOURG IS A FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND HAS AN EQUAL VOICE IN COMMON MARKET AFFAIRS. SEVERAL OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ARE SITUATED IN LUXEMBOURG, INCLUDING THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE, THE PERMANENT STAFF OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, AND THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK. LUXEMBOURG IS A HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY WITH ONE OF THE HIGHEST PER CAPITA INCOMES IN EUROPE. ALTHOUGH ITS INDUSTRIAL BASE RESTS ON STEEL PRODUCTION, THE ECONOMY IS BECOMING MORE DIVERSIFIED AS SEVERAL US FIRMS, INCLUDING GENERAL MOTORS, GOODYEAR AND DU PONT, HAVE ESTABLISHED

PRODUCTION FACILITIES THERE. LUXEMBOURG IS ALSO A
CENTER FOR EUROPEAN FINANCE AND MANY LARGE AMERICAN BANKS
HAVE OFFICES THERE. UNQUOTE FARKAS

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